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SUBJECT: SUDAN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR U.S. OFFICE OF MILITARY
COMMISSIONS LEGAL DEFENSE TEAMS

REF: A) OMC 070754Z APR 09
B) OMC 030750Z APR 09
C) Pierce/Lisenbee E-mail; multiple

¶1. (SBU) Embassy Khartoum welcomes the visit of the U.S. Office of Military Commissions Defense Counsel to Sudan for approximately eight days, beginning on April 22, 2009. Post understands the purpose of the trip is to investigate the possibilities and requirements for the successful repatriation of the team's clients, Mr. Ibrahim al Qosi and Mr. Noor Uthman Muhammed, two Sudanese citizens currently being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Per ref C, the information gathered will be used to create a file to provide the U.S. Department of Justice for review and consideration for the repatriation of Messrs. al Qosi and Muhammed to Sudan.

¶2. (SBU) On April 9, Embassy Khartoum delivered a diplomatic note to the Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting the expedited issuance of Sudanese visas. The Embassy also provided an overview of the proposed visit and informed the Government of Sudan that the legal defense teams would like to meet with the appropriate Sudanese officials who would be responsible for coordinating a possible repatriation.

¶3. (SBU) Per refs A and B, Embassy Khartoum grants country clearance to the following eight individuals on the two legal defense teams:

CDR Susanne Lachelier, Defense Counsel
LCDR Travis Owens, Defense Counsel
MAJ Todd Pierce, Defense Counsel
MAJ Amy Fitzgibbons, Defense Counsel
CAPT Christopher Kannady, Defense Counsel
LN1 Kimberlee Lindee, Paralegal
Fayiz A. Abdelmgid, Translator
Abdalla Osman Babikr, Translator

¶4. (U) Control Officer for the visit is RSO Chuck Lisenbee who can be reached at +249 183 774 700, ext. 6111, E-mail: lisenbeenx@state.gov, or mobile: +249 912 308 731. RSO Lisenbee can also be reached through the Diplomatic Security Command Center at +1 (571) 345-3146. If you need to contact the Embassy after hours, the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) landline number is 249-183-774-705, mobile is +249 912 534 200, satellite phone is +882-165-0277-101, and E-mail is KhartoumControlCenter@state.gov. The Embassy is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

¶5. (U) Upon arrival at the Khartoum International Airport, you will

be met by an Embassy expeditor in the airport arrival hall, just beyond the immigration control and hand luggage screening area. The RSO will meet you outside the airport terminal.

¶6. (U) Lodging in Khartoum will be at the al Salam Rotana, a five-star hotel that includes a breakfast buffet, an outdoor swimming pool, and a good gym with cardio equipment but limited free weights. <http://www.rotana.com/property-14.htm> . The hotel switchboard telephone number is +249 18 700 7777. You should bring comfortable, casual clothing such as khaki pants, cotton shirt, durable shoes, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Please also advise in advance your blood type, any known medical or food allergies, and significant medical history, such as diabetes, heart condition, asthma, or other respiratory illness.

HEALTH INFORMATION

¶7. (U) All employees, including WAEs and civil service employees who are in TDY status for more than 60 days (cumulatively) in a calendar year, are required to have an up-to-date medical clearance from the Department of State Office of Medical Services (M/MED) in order to receive full State Department medical benefits from an Embassy Medical Unit, to include Embassy Khartoum Medical Unit.

¶8. (U) MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR PSC and NON-PSC: As per State cable 201464, all contract workers (PSC and non-PSC, to include institutional contractors and grantees) must have a medical clearance issued from M/MED before arrival at post. A copy of this clearance is required by the Medical Unit on arrival at post before any Embassy Khartoum Medical Unit services can be provided.

¶9. (U) IMMUNIZATIONS (WAE, TDY DIRECT HIRE, PSC, AND NON-PSC): Please ensure that you complete a